

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph on page 7, after line 24.

– – The controller checks to see if the sheet to be printed has the obverse side printed (“Is front side OK?”). If the result is No, the obverse side is moved to the next free position (“Move front side to next free position”). If the result of the “Is front side OK?” test is Yes, the sheet is checked to see if the reverse side is to be printed (“Is back side OK?”). If the result is No, the reverse side is moved to the next free position (“Move back side to next free position”). After the reverse side is moved to the next free position, control is transferred back to the “Is front side OK?” step, and the front-side check (of whether the obverse side is to be printed) is repeated. The details of the individual steps are set forth in the following paragraphs. – –